

27 February 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, CR

SUBJECT : Comparison of Air Force and CIA Coding of Air Information Reports - Status Report as of 27 February.

1. Summary for the Period 24 - 27 February:

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| a. | <u>Documents Reviewed</u>                    | Documents With Coding Errors |
|    | 123  | By AFCIN By CIA              |
|    |  | 15 (12%) 3 (2%)              |
| b. | <u>Number of Codes Assigned to 123 docs.</u> | Coding Errors                |
|    | 369  | By AFCIN By CIA              |
|    |  | 15 (4.1%) 3 (.8%)            |

NOTE: Rate of error is 1 error per document

2. Breakdown of AFCIN errors:

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| *Incorrect code                   | 10 |
| Incorrect area                    | 2  |
| Significant information not coded | 3  |

\*Four of these errors were made by the same analyst on documents having a standard code with which the analyst was apparently not familiar.

3. Comments:

- a. Although the volume of reports received was low, from those reviewed it is possible to see that a definite improvement has taken place in Air Force coding. The amount of significant information not coded is very small in contrast to what it was at the beginning of the project.

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- b. Most errors made during the past week were of a technical type and not the result of faulty analysis of the information given in the report. This type of error is easily corrected if documents are reviewed often and the errors explained to the analyst. In only one case did the error result from faulty analysis of the document, probably due to a lack of political background on the part of the analyst.

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- c. [REDACTED] discusses the status of coding with AFCIN each week.

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